GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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CASTE PANCHAYATS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether many caste Panchayats are functioning the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some members of elected Panchayats are also active in these caste Panchayats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj does not recognize any Panchayat which is not based on Part IX of the Constitution of India. It is for State Governments to deal with the menace of caste panchayats in their respective jurisdiction.